

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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JOSEPH COLEMAN,

Petitioner,

Case No. 20-cv-904-pp

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

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**ORDER DENYING AS MOOT PETITIONER'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO  
PROCEED WITHOUT PREPAYMENT OF FILING FEE (DKT. NO. 2), DENYING  
WITHOUT PREJUDICE PETITIONER'S MOTION TO VACATE, SET ASIDE  
OR CORRECT SENTENCE, DISMISSING CASE AND DECLINING TO ISSUE A  
CERTIFICATE OF APPEALABILITY**

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On June 16, 2020, the petitioner filed a motion under 28 U.S.C. §2255 to vacate, set aside or correct his sentence, challenging his April 26, 2019 conviction in the United States District Court of the Middle District of Pennsylvania for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Dkt. No. 1. A jury found the petitioner guilty, and the district court sentenced him to 120 months. Id. The Third Circuit affirmed his conviction on February 7, 2020. United States v. Coleman, 802 F. App'x 59 (3rd Cir. 2020). Following that decision, the petitioner filed his §2255 motion in this district. It appears that the petitioner is incarcerated at SCI Mahanoy, a Pennsylvania state facility with a third-party mail vendor located in St. Petersburg, Florida. Dkt. No. 1-2; see also [cor.pa.gov/Facilities/StatePrisons/Pages/Manaoay.aspx](http://cor.pa.gov/Facilities/StatePrisons/Pages/Manaoay.aspx).

The court will deny as moot the petitioner's motion for leave to proceed without prepayment of the filing fee because there is no fee associated with a §2255 motion. The court also will deny without prejudice the petitioner's §2255 motion because he has filed in the wrong court. Section 2255(a) states that a prisoner who is in custody under a federal court order "may move *the court which imposed the sentence* to vacate, set aside or correct the sentence." The United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania imposed the sentence, so the petitioner must file his §2255 motion in the district court for that district.

The court **DENIES as moot** the petitioner's motion for leave to proceed without prepayment of the filing fee. Dkt. No. 2.

The court **DENIES without prejudice** the petitioner's motion under 28 U.S.C. §2255 to vacate, set aside or correct sentence. Dkt. No. 1.

The court **DECLINES** to issue a certificate of appealability because no reasonable person could debate that the petitioner filed his motion in the wrong district court.

Dated in Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 8th day of July, 2020.

**BY THE COURT:**



**HON. PAMELA PEPPER**  
**Chief United States District Judge**